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**A Small Late Archaic Settlement in the Central Till Plain Region  
Data Recovery Excavations at the Boyd Site (12-Wy-289)**

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## **Abstract from Management Summary**

At the request of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, Office of Cultural Resources Management (GBL-OCRM), Indiana University conducted archaeological testing and data recovery at the Boyd Site, 12 Wy 289 (INDOT 89-32). Project plans included the construction of the proposed INDOT Centerville Sub-district maintenance unit on a 15.5-acre parcel of land purchased by INDOT. The Boyd Site is located on a gently sloping glacial plain that overlooks Martindale Creek, near Cambridge City, Wayne County, Indiana, and it is estimated to cover 0.48 ha, of which 62.3 m<sup>2</sup> (670.6 ft<sup>2</sup>) was subject to excavation during the combined testing and data recovery. This amounts to 1.3 % of the total site area within the project boundaries.

The Boyd Site Late Archaic deposits contain important information about hunter-gatherer lifeways in the uplands of the Whitewater River valley that can be contrasted to information from floodplain located sites. More importantly, they provide insights into the everyday life of Late Archaic hunter-gatherer groups potentially faced with changes in territorial ranges, subsistence strategies, and social relations. Because of the general lack of comparative data in Indiana regarding upland Late Archaic sites, the recovery investigations at the Boyd Site have provided an important addition to the regional data base on Late Archaic settlement patterns, site structure, and material life. Information from the site will contribute significantly to our larger data bases aimed at refining local and regional models of hunter-gatherer lifeways in the Late Holocene. Although the Boyd Site will be impacted during construction of the maintenance facility, sufficient information has been collected to mitigate the adverse construction impacts to the site and no further work is recommended.

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